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Application No. 10/580,191
Filed: May 23, 2006
Title: JOINT FOR A PANEL

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: DECISION UPON REQUEST
: RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION
: DISMISSING PRE-APPEAL BRIEF
: REQUEST

FACTS

1. Appellant filed a Notice of Appeal on January 6, 2011.
2. Appellant filed an amendment on January 6, 2011.
3. The Office mailed a Notice of Non-Compliant Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review on January 26, 2011.
4. Appellant filed a Petition under 37 CFR 1.181 seeking supervisory review of Notice of Non-Compliant Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review on March 4, 2011.
5. Appellant filed an Appeal Brief on July 6, 2011

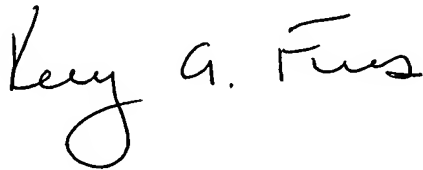
OPINION

Applicant's Petition for Supervisory Review pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181 is dismissed for the following grounds:

1. The appellant's Request also included an amendment filed on the same date. As noted in the Notice, no after-final amendment may accompany the request. See New Pre-Appeal Brief Conference Pilot Program, 1296 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 67 (July 12, 2005).
2. The appellant's Request exceeded the five page limit. Id.

3. The filing of an appeal brief ends the Request. Id.
4. The decision on pre-appeal brief is not petitionable because a decision to maintain rejections is subject to appeal and an applicant dissatisfied with the results of conference decision must pursue the appeal before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Id.

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to Kery A. Fries, at 571-272-7757.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kery A. Fries". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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